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NORMAL CONDITIONS AGAIN

Business and Travel Are Resumed Once More at 12 O'clock Noon.

Guards Taken Away From the Quarantined District—A Marked Change Noted Immediately—Feeding Those in Distress.

The quarantine which has been in force here since the 12th inst., on account of the black plague alarm was raised at 12 o'clock noon today. In consequence Chinatown overflowed with gladness and there was general satisfaction about town with an immediate revival of business amounting to one of the greatest buying and selling rushes of the year. The natives, Chinese and Japanese were delighted to be once more at liberty to move about as they choose. The men who have been on guard were more than pleased to be relieved of their unpleasant and trying duties. Capt. Ashley, Sergt. Walter C. Weedon and their helpers in the commissary department had reached nearly the end of their powers of endurance. They had done an enormous amount of genuine hard work in supplying food to the isolated people. The number requiring to be fed steadily increased from the first day to the last till yesterday morning there were upwards of 200 on the rolls. More than half of these were native Hawaiians, a great many of whom reside in the tabu district. The quarantine territory was from Kukui street makai to Queen and from Nuuanu street to Nuuanu stream and the population of the blocks included was variously estimated at from 5,000 to 10,000 people. These people had been held within bounds for all the days from the 12th inst., and while to some degree restless from the first had, so far as the majority was concerned, accepted the situation with a resolve to make the best of it. There were only a couple of instances in which authority of representatives of the Board of Health was challenged. On Monday it was necessary to place under arrest a man and a woman. The woman was intoxicated and the man interfered when it was sought to put her under control. For the purposes of the volunteer force in the quarantined district a small building in the Kamakapili church yard had been secured as headquarters and equipped with baths, fumigating room, etc. Here Dr. J. S. B. Pratt was in supreme charge, with Geo. B. Carter as principal assistant. Here provisions were handled and mail matter received and distributed. On Monday nearly 800 letters were handled. There was also a pay office for helpers under salary. To the volunteers there was sent by Mrs. Fuller and other ladies lunches. The volunteers were careful to avoid any danger of carrying possible contagion from the place, using special clothing while on their rounds of inspection, these rounds including visits to all habitations and roll call of the occupants. The members of the National Guard of Hawaii who have been doing guard duty have been under their regular officers, with Col. Jones, the regimental commander, in charge. At the Board of Health offices this morning Judge Cooper was kept busy looking into applications for leave for steamers to depart for the other islands and with Agent McVeigh in approving bills of lading and permits for cabin passengers. It was well understood that neither Japanese nor Chinese freight should be considered at all and that the utmost care should be used in every way. Every vessel to be used has been fumigated. The buildings in which "suspicious cases" have been found will still be quarantined. Otherwise it will be with certain restrictions "as you were" all along the line.

BREX RABBIT GONE.

The bacteriological bureau is now entirely without a menagerie. The big, innocent-looking, pink-eyed rabbit, reeled over in convulsions this morning, for a few minutes it made a hard fight for its life and then gave up with twitches and kicking. Dr. Hoffman said that he would make an autopsy and some microscopic investigations if he found the time. Several men of medicine and science who saw the rabbit pass away were certain that it was a victim of the plague, though it had withstood the attack of the microbes or some days. Several rats that had been kept in a cage were disposed of summarily this morning and no more will be inoculated for the present. After the rush of work is over, so it is stated, bacteriological research will be resumed.

November Trade.

The report of the customs collector general for last month made to the Minister of Finance shows that the total dutiable for November, 1899, is \$245,174.41; bonded, \$16,879.57; free by treaty, \$403,304.15; free by Civil Code, \$136,189.33; Honolulu, \$801,547.46; Hilo, \$75,348.89; Kahului, \$14,033.48; total Hawaiian Islands, \$890,931.83; total eleven months, 1899, \$15,946,349.14; total eleven months, 1898, \$9,971,596.78; increase for 1899, \$9,973,752.36.

GROSSLY CRUEL ACTS DONE

Serious Assault and Battery Cases in the District Court.

A Child of 4 the Victim in One Instance—Marks of Punishment Carried—A Bad Record—Kicking in the Face.

A pair of quite unusual and very aggravating assault and battery cases took most of the time of Magistrate Wilcox in the District Court this morning. In the first the defendant was a rough looking native named Nalei. It appeared that he had, on the 12th inst., most shamefully and cruelly beaten a child of four that he had undertaken to raise as his own. It was brought out that the back of the little one was still black and blue from punishment and that there were all over the body nearly marks that had been inflicted by blows delivered by the defendant. Nalei was sentenced to three months imprisonment. He is no stranger to the reef. Some years ago he was sent there upon conviction for manslaughter, in that, in the island of Kauai he had killed a Japanese with whom he had quarreled over a trifling matter. Nalei held the head of the Jap under mud and water till death resulted. He was considered very fortunate at the time to get off with a sentence for manslaughter. Judge Wilcox says that Nalei is a bad lot, quite, having figured at various times as one who commits violent deeds and having been arraigned on the charge of illicit distilling on several occasions. The little child that was in court this morning has been placed in a comfortable home where it will be well treated. Young Lancaster, swarthy half-Indian sulked as he listened to some characteristic remarks from the bench. Lancaster on Saturday night last assaulted with fists and feet Fairman. Judge Wilcox lectured Lancaster for kicking Fairman in the face when the latter was down and helpless. The sentence was six months on the reef and an appeal to the circuit court was noted by Attorney Kauiua, who appeared for the prisoner. Three Japanese entered the plea of guilty to the charge of violating Board of Health regulations by breaking quarantine and were fined \$5 each. A fourth pleaded not guilty and will have a trial. R. Duncan was fined \$5 and will pay the costs of prosecution in a cruelty to animals case. The specification was use of a harness saddle on the sore back of an animal. The case of George Houghtaling, charged with selling liquor without a license was put over till Thursday.

Anniversaries.

It was on Dec. 18 in 1893 that President Dole, to ease the tension of the situation here, inquired officially of Minister Willis, the intentions of the United States Government toward the provisional Government. Prominent citizens also waited on Mr. Willis to learn what it was intended to do here at the instance of Mr. Cleveland. The Corwin was still in port. On Dec. 18, 1878, occurred the great fire on the esplanade, with its loss of \$285,700. Very few of the buildings destroyed were insured.

Resolution for the Boers.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Senator Rawlins of Utah presented a resolution providing for a full investigation of alleged polygamist practices in the United States and whether the President has appointed polygamists to Federal offices. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. Mr. Mason, Republican, of Illinois, offered a resolution extending the best hopes of the Senate to the Boers in their contest for liberty.

Free Trade With Possessions.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Senator Chandler today introduced bills applying the customs and internal revenue laws of the United States to the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico, after January 1, 1900. Goods between the islands and the United States are to be exchanged as between the States.

Inquiring on Charleston Loss.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Admiral Watson today cabled the Navy Department that the court of inquiry to investigate the loss of the cruiser Charleston convened yesterday at Cavite. He added that all the Charleston's people were present.

Wounded Are Returning.

London, Dec. 6.—The first batch of wounded soldiers from South Africa, numbering 133 men, arrived in the Thames today on the British transport Sumatra, which left Table Bay about November 15.

Latest From Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 6.—A dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Monday, November 27th, says: "Have plenty of food, water and ammunition."

SYMPTOMS OF A SICK GIRL

They Cause Some Nervousness in the Health Board Circles.

Resident of Iwilei—Awaiting a Turn of the Illness—The Doctors—Mysterious Death of a Chinese—Not the Plague.

"Bubonic plague" interest today is centered in the illness of Ethel Johnson, aged about 15, at the home of her parents in Iwilei, near the Honolulu Soap Works. The physicians were first called about 7 o'clock last evening and at the earliest time of their investigations some of them were all but ready to declare "plague." Don't intervene and the case is still called simply "suspicious." At the middle of the forenoon Dr. Scapalone, at the instance of Dr. Hoffman, visited the patient and pronounced her condition worse, though improvement had been shown earlier in the morning. The case is being closely watched. There are several so-called "plague" symptoms, but no definite result or diagnosis has been given out. Dr. Hoffman says that if the girl dies he will fit out a death certificate, that in the meantime he will give treatment and may give his opinion on the nature of the illness. Miss Johnson was until two or three weeks ago a pupil at the High School and is well spoken of by acquaintances in the institution. History of the case is being secured. So far as known there has been no contamination with supposed plague. There were the usual hoax reports this morning. It was announced that a Chinese girl, aged fourteen, had died in the upper story of a building at the corner of King and Kekaulike streets, in the heart of Chinatown. Investigation developed that death was caused by a skull fracture sustained in a violent fall last night. This explained at once the convulsions in the case. Dr. C. B. Cooper was called when the body of the girl was found by Inspector D. L. Conkling. Dr. Scapalone looked at the body of the girl and pronounced it innocent of plague signs. However an autopsy is being held at the morgue this afternoon. The room in which the girl was found this morning was locked. The final report in this case given out this afternoon is "Death from natural causes."

NEWS NOTES OF MAUI.

Wailuku, Dec. 16.—The U. S. Surveyship Pathfinder arrived at Lahaina last Tuesday afternoon and early next morning she left for Kahului where she is now anchored. The December term of the Second Circuit court adjourned sine die yesterday. Many cases were continued until next June term, 1900. Judge Perry, Deputy Attorney General J. W. Cathcart, Stenographer Case and Interpreter Sheldon will all return today per Kinai. Attorney Creighton will also return to town. Dr. Armitage of Wailuku and Dr. Denigar of Lanai are at present attending to Mrs. Dr. Davidson of Lahaina, who is very ill. Rev. Lono, until recently acting pastor of the Kaunakapili church, has reconsidered his decision and has refused to accept the call of the congregation of the Kaunakapili (native) church at Wailuku. Attorney Kaneakua will not return to Honolulu on account of the plague, but will spend a few days at Mr. S. Ah Nii's Kula home.

A Crew in Matiny.

The crew of the British ship Errol from Newcastle and here about six weeks, refused duty to a man this morning. They claimed that they were being taken to sea with an insufficient supply of fresh food. They were permitted to appeal to officials and it was found that they had been provided for as required by law. Capt. Evans was called and the men having assumed a threatening attitude, they were placed in irons. A dozen natives recruited by Shipping Master Lewis were taken aboard and sails were bent and the ship taken to sea, the natives returning in shore boats. The captain of the Errol said he anticipated no difficulty in getting them back to duty in due time. The crew is a new one, having shipped here. The old crew deserted almost to a man and most of the deserters are on the way to Manila in transports.

TONIGHT FAUST.

Tonight the biggest society event in the way of theatrical amusement ever known in Honolulu will be given at the Opera House, when Mrs. Annis Montague Turner will appear as Marguerite in Faust with the Boston Lyric Opera Company. Every effort is being made by the management of the company to give a presentation worthy of the occasion. Another big feature will be the appearance of the entire Hawaiian Band in the fourth act. There is no doubt but the theater will be crowded to its utmost capacity.

A WATCHER OF THE CROWD

Comments on the Comments of the Crowd of Critics.

Thinks He Sees the Motives of the Demagogues—Remarks About Condition of Chinatown—Not So Bad As It Might Be.

Editor Evening Bulletin:—Let one who possesses the psychological instinct to the extent of finding perennially interesting the question of why people do the things that they do and say the things that they say, have some space for an effort at a concise statement at a time when half the population is itching to write or painfully desirous to talk.

Is Chinatown filthy? Relatively it may be. It is so pronounced by visitors looking for filthy—visitors from residence districts of people more favored than the denizens of Chinatown—visitors flushed with a little brief authority—visitors who do not know that one-third of the population of the earth lives in a more crowded condition than does the population of Chinatown.

What if it is filthy? And it is not extraordinarily or uncommonly so. Is it to be called a pampered pest hole when it has not produced pest? It is the fragmentary messenger or envoy or disciple or attorney in fact of pest that lodges pest. The plague—black, bubonic, pneumonic, is not a creation of filth. True, it may be nurtured or encouraged by certain unsanitary conditions, but it is not originated in the living room, in the soil or in the cesspool.

In 1895 it was proven that the cholera came from the Orient.

The foreign sources of various small pox epidemics were well established. It is said and so far accepted that such plague as we have had here in 1899 comes in merchandise from Japan or China.

In 1895 the first case of cholera was reported from Iwilei, a suburb remote from Chinatown. There were few cases found in Chinatown proper. The greatest number from a single locality were from a big native house in Wailuku, makai of the Palama terminus of the Tram line.

In 1899 there have been officially recorded two deaths by plague. One case was found in Nuuanu street but not in Chinatown proper and the other in Queen street, makai of the Opera House and remote from Chinatown.

Now, in the name of just a little bit of common sense, in the name of the dear spirit of half fairness, in the name of an appeal for conduct and action and judgment with forgetfulness of petty prejudice and the most selfish and meanest self-interest and in the name of a warranted demand for criticism, not irrational and capricious and self-seeking, why all this hue and cry about Chinatown? Where, I ask, is there a single peg on which to hang a section of a line of the unmeaning, unreasoning, miscellaneous, scatter-gun comment and general condemnation of the Health Board?

If the Board of Health was capable in 1895, it is more capable, more effective, better equipped, stronger and more efficient in 1899. Does anyone say, would there be basis for the allegation, is the intimation made that it has deteriorated—gone backward, become less vigorous, vigilant, industrious, intelligent?

If Chinatown was cleaned in 1895 and it was only cleaned then with the rest of the city, it is clean now. For it has been looked after ever since. There has been "discovered" there lately a few overfull cesspools of asseverative odor. This is bad in its way but, again, what of it? The odor does not kill. It did not breed cholera. It did not breed black plague. It did not breed small pox. Were the whole of Honolulu a reeking stench of a cesspool, with the incident animal life, it could not produce—originate a single case of plague, cholera or small pox. The diseases to be here must be brought here from elsewhere. These Chinatown overflowing cesspools are bad, I repeat, but the magnitude of this appearance as well as the size or import or threat of each and every other phase of the idly called unsanitary condition has been vastly, needlessly and harmfully exaggerated.

President Dole is profoundly impressive in his role of patriarch, but sounds, how slow, deliberate, even halting, is he. Mr. C. is given scope to let his ambitions for a record cavort to a hurricane pace, and is duly credited by the newspaper of his enemy, Mr. T. Mr. J. shines as a commander in active service and does well. Dr. R. gets the center of the stage. Dr. A. stabs viciously at late employers. Mr. C. and others give a sturdy poke to the absent Mr. D. of the B. Estate. Dr. W. shows real strength as does his colleague, Dr. E. theorizes to his heart's content. There is much more for this chapter.

A CROWD WATCHER.
Honolulu, H. I., Dec. 18, 1899.

IN THE SUPREME COURT

A Decision Handed Down This Morning.

Cases Argued And Submitted—Case Dismissed—Ejectment Cases—Sale Confirmed.

In the Supreme Court this morning the cases of Republic vs Le Shee, Henry Smita vs Hamakua Mill Co., and Ottman vs Minister of the Interior, were argued and submitted. In the case of Hawaii Land Co. vs Nettie L. Scott the appeal was dismissed on account of failure of appellant to file the bonds necessary. The case of W. L. Stanley, First Judge vs Barenaba, an estate matter, is being argued this afternoon.

The Supreme Court has handed down a decision in the case of John D. Paris vs John Greig administrator of the estate of Antonio Fernandez.

The judgment of the Circuit Court is reversed and the bill dismissed. The case grew out of a proposed sale of cattle belonging to Fernandez.

A. A. Wilder, Esq., participated in the decision with Justices Frear and Whiting. Polly Bird has sued S. M. Kauakani and several others. She claims an interest in certain lands in Makiki Valley.

Henry Smith has begun an action in ejectment against Noa and Kapuuala.

An action in ejectment has been brought by C. K. C. Rooke against Kathryn Singer and On Yin. The defendants have answered the complaint and deny the claim.

Judge Perry this morning confirmed the sale of the property of the estate of the late A. G. Silva and ordered the executor to give deeds to the purchasers.

The demurrer to the amended bill of complaint in the Kamalo Sugar case was argued and submitted before Judge Stanley this morning.

The case in ejectment of A. S. Mahaulu vs Kohalemoku and Kamala is being heard by Judge Stanley this afternoon.

The Boys "Dug Up."

Geo. R. Carter, who was once himself acting auditor general, has at the present time a slight grievance against that office. On Saturday last and on Monday of this week Mr. Carter and others in charge of work in Chinatown went into their pockets and produced money for the pay of help. They have had hours and hours of grief in getting into shape satisfactory to the auditor general the resultant accounts. Finally it was agreed to waive some certain pencil entries made in emergency. In the meantime Mr. Carter had about decided to go to the Chamber of Commerce for the money. Many of the volunteer inspectors have from time to time, besides giving their services provided money for which there was immediate demand in the purchase of various supplies.

On Quarantine Island.

Board of Health Agent McVeigh and others acquainted with Quarantine Island are astonished that it should be designated an unclean place. What ever debris originates on the place is placed where it can be carried off by the tide or is burned. The island has always been considered a healthy place. It has many times for weeks had a large population, but never any sickness except such as taken from ships or the town.

Grand Army Reunion.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—The National Council of the Grand Army of the Republic decided today that the next reunion will be held during the last week of August, 1900, in Chicago.

Dr. Posey, specialist for Eye, Ear, Throat and Nose diseases and Catarrh of the Larynx, at the Masonic Temple.

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BOOKINGS FOR THE COAST

Ocean Liners and Inter-Island Steamers Do Rushing Business.

Col. Ruhlman May Reverse Previous Opinion Relative to Transports—Ships to Arrive—Two Dollars a Day.

There has been a rush on the steamship offices during the past few days by people anxious to return to San Francisco.

With the exception of two cabins, the Australia has already a full list, while many tickets have been sold to cabin passengers for the Gaelic. The steerage and second class applicants for both steamers are numerous and there will be more departures of that class at this season of the year than ever before. The plague scare readily accounts for the rush, but now that the quarantine is raised many may change their minds before the day of sailing.

Now that the quarantine is raised, Col. Ruhlman said today that he would probably send by the Gaelic a recommendation that transports be sent to Manila by way of Honolulu as usual. There are only three expected here from San Francisco during the next thirty days. The stock transport Flintshire is now on her way, while the Sheridan and Grant may arrive some time during the coming month.

It may be that the officials of the transport service at San Francisco will conclude not to send the transports by this route, in which case Honolulu has seen the last of the volunteers for some time to come.

The next transport to arrive from Manila will be the Athenian which will come here to take what stock was left by the Centennial.

Those passengers who have undergone a week's quarantine on board of the various island steamers anchored at the mouth of the harbor, and who have paid two dollars a day for that pleasure will probably consider their trouble and expense lost, now that the quarantine has been raised and any one who wishes to depart can board any of the steamers, after obtaining a certificate from a physician and a permit from the Board of Health. There are two sides to the story, however. If the quarantine had not been raised, on account of fresh cases of the plague appearing, they would have reaped the benefit of their foresight and departed today without fail while those who had not taken the same precaution would have remained on shore.

The following steamers anchored either in the stream or at the mouth of the harbor will depart this afternoon on their usual routes: Mauna Loa, W. G. Hall, Mikahala, Nuuanu, Niihau, Claudine, Helena, Lehua, Kinai and Maui.

The Orpheum.

Mr. M. B. Curtis made his first appearance at the Orpheum last night as "Levinaky the pawnbroker" in "Mulberry Bend;" Miss Bina Curtis taking the role of Gvonne Joubert, a French actress. The scene of the play is the interior of a pawnshop of which Levinaky is proprietor. The sheriff having received instructions to foreclose Levinaky, conceals a plan by which through the medium of kerosene and matches the tenant and his financial troubles will simultaneously disappear. In the interval numerous impetuous customers tread a well beaten track to the money lender's counter. While Mr. Curtis' ability as an actor is not at present in question, the piece itself is devoid of merit and affords a poor setting for any actor of pretensions.

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